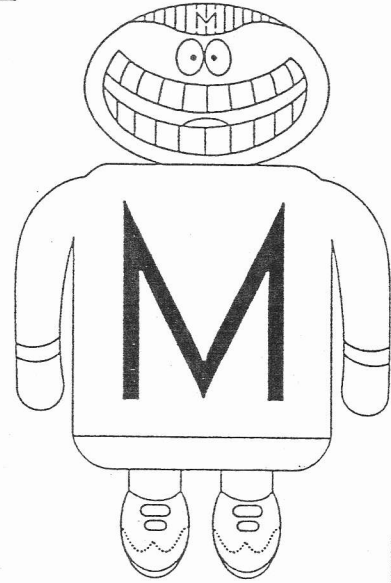


**Family  
Letter  
M**



Dear Family,

My name is Mr. M, and I'm from the Land of The Letter People. My friends and I are the Letter People.

During this school year, the Letter People will be talking with your child about health and safety, animals and plants, people around the world, and other topics. At the same time, we'll be helping your child get ready to read and write. Each Letter Person has a special way of helping children remember the sound of one of the letters of the alphabet. I'm Mr. M, and—as you can see—I have a munching mouth.

This week, we have been talking about the idea that every person is special in some way. There are many things you can do to make your child feel special—and also to help her or him get ready for more writing and reading. Here's just one idea:

- ✓ Encourage your child's self-expression on paper. This includes drawing and painting, and also writing.
- ✓ Don't do too much correcting—even if your child's writing doesn't look like writing to you! At this point, it's important that your child feel comfortable about writing. Give lots of praise for trying.

There will be plenty of opportunity for your child to learn to write "right." And the other Letter People and I promise to help.

Sincerely,

**Mr. M**